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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS: ARTICLE XIX ACTION  
ON SHEETS AND PLATES OF IRON OR STEEL

REF: STATE 111226

1. AUSTRALIAN IMPORTS OF SHEETS AND PLATES OF IRON AND  
STEEL (NON-GALVANIZED, AUSTRALIAN TARIFF CODE 73.13.100)  
IN NORMAL TRADE DURING RECENT YEARS ARE AS FOLLOWS (IN  
THOUSANDS OF \$A, PCT. SHARE IN PAREN.):

A. FY71

TOTAL 21,741.6

FROM US 257.7 (1.3)

FROM JAPAN 16,162.6 (74.3)

B. FY1972

TOTAL 20,041.6

FROM US 115.7 (0.6)

FROM JAPAN 19,592.5 (97.8)

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C. FY1973

TOTAL 17,319.1  
FROM US 2.4 (NEGL.)  
FROM JAPAN 17,296.1 (99.9)

D. FY1974

TOTAL 8,697.3  
FROM US 439.2 (5.1)  
FROM JAPAN 7,524.5 (86.5)

E. FY1975 THROUGH MARCH (9 MOS)

TOTAL 33,571.6  
FROM US 4,311.4 (12.8)  
FROM JAPAN 25,464.9 (75.9)

F. COMMENT. WHILE DATA PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED WAS OBTAINED FROM TAA AND IAC REPORTS, FOREGOING COMES DIRECTLY FROM AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS. THEY SHOW US SHARE OF THIS MARKET INCREASING FROM VERY LOW TO NEGLIGIBLE LEVELS FY71-73 TO SIGNIFICANT FIGURES IN FY74 AND FIRST 9 MONTHS OF FY75. SUDDEN 50 PERCENT DECLINE IN TOTAL AUSTRALIAN IMPORTS OF THIS ITEM IN NORMAL TRADE IN FY74 IS ACCOUNTED FOR BY FACT THAT LARGE VOLUME ADMITTED UNDER BY-LAW (I.E., DUTY-FREE OR AT SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED RATES) BECAUSE OF INABILITY OF LOCAL SUPPLIERS TO MEET DEMAND IN THAT YEAR.

2. IN RESPONSE TO PARA. 3 OF REFTEL, WE GIVE BELOW MOST IMPORTANT NON-US SUPPLIERS OF ITEMS LISTED IN CANBERRA 2695:

REFRIGERATORS: BRITAIN, ITALY, SWEDEN  
DRYERS: BRITAIN, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND  
WASHING MACHINES: JAPAN BRITAIN  
BALL BEARINGS: JAPAN, BRITAIN, SWEDEN  
SHEETS AND PLATES OF IRON AND STEEL: JAPAN GERMANY  
SPECTACLES: ITALY, JAPAN, FRANCE  
INJECTION MOULDING MACHINES: JAPAN, GERMANY  
MOTOR VEHICLE TIRES: U.K., KOREA, FRANCE  
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT: JAPAN, U.K.  
TIME SWITCHES: JAPAN  
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NON-ADJUSTABLE WRENCHES: JAPAN GERMANY  
SPORTING GOODS: JAPAN, U.K.  
LUGGAGE AND PERSONAL LEATHERGOODS: CHINA, FRANCE, U.K.  
FLOOR COVERINGS: U.K., CANADA  
CERAMIC TABLEWARE: JAPAN, U.K.  
AIR CONDITIONERS: JAPAN, HONG KONG  
SYRINGES AND NEEDLES: JAPAN, FRANCE  
ABRASIVE PRODUCTS: GERMANY, JAPAN

PRESSURE SENSITIVE MATERIALS: CANADA, JAPAN

FROZEN POTATO PRODUCTS: CANADA, U.K.

FANS: JAPAN, TAIWAN, HONG KONG

GLASSWARE: GERMANY, JAPAN.

3. AMBASSADOR AND E/C COUNSELOR MEET WITH CAIRNS ON MAY 13

AS REPORTED CANBERRA 3022.

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